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3. Punishments for Specific Offenses

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1. When a soldier arrived in a unit, a conduct card which had been kept on him was handed in by the escorting officer. Inspection commissions always asked to see conduct cards. If too many soldiers had poor conduct cards, a unit would receive a poor efficiency rating. In all units a new card was started for each new arrival. If a soldier had misbehaved while in the unit, his misdeeds were recorded on the new card. In the case of an undisciplined soldier

[REDACTED] It was dangerous for the unit CO not to record punishments, because there were informers who might report such omissions to higher headquarters.

2. [REDACTED] received each year a fund of 400 East German marks and a credit of 200 rubles to distribute to meritorious soldiers at the May Day and October Revolution parades. The marks were used to buy watches and other popular articles such as pull-overs and fountain pens. The rubles were credited in the recipients' saving books.

- a. It was the custom for the CO to read out the names of recipients of rewards at the parades in the following manner:

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"I declare my thanks to for excellent combat and political training." "I annul previous bad conduct entries on conduct cards of the following:"

..... with valuable presents."

leave in the Fatherland to the following:"

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- b. a maximum of 12 EM a year could be given 10 day leaves in the USSR for meritorious combat and political service. submit a list of names to the army chief of staff for approval.
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3. Specific punishments meted out in the Soviet Army for offenses were as follows:

a. Rape:

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Rape carried out by a group of soldiers brought each offender a sentence of 20 years in a labor camp. Rape carried out by a single soldier was punished by 10 years in a labor camp.

- b. Self-inflicted wounds: such wounds were a rather frequent occurrence.

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A special commission, composed of members of the Judge Advocate staff and medical officers, examined every case. A soldier who maimed himself intentionally would receive a sentence of 15-25 years according to the circumstances of the case.

- c. Treason: treason to the Fatherland was punishable by death or a sentence of 20-25 years in a labor camp. A person who went out of his way to betray his country with evil intent would be executed; a member of the Communist Party who had been led astray by a German woman to betray a military secret would be given a sentence of 20-25 years in a labor camp.

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